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SUBJ: CIVAIR - FLYING TIGER SCHEDULE

REF A. STATE 248312

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL EMBASSY CONTACTED LOCAL FLYING TIGER (FT) REP AND DISCUSSED SCOPE OF SCHEDULING PROBLEM AND SUPPORT REQUIRED BY EMBASSY.

2. FT SUBMITTED A REQUEST FOR FLT SCHEDULE TO KCAB ON DECEMBER 5.

3. EMBOFF MET WITH KCAB, AVIATION ADMINISTRATION CHIEF, KO, CHUNG SAM AT HIS REQUEST THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12.

4. KO REFERRED TO FT REQUEST FOR FLT SCHEDULE CHANGE AND SAID HE WAS NOT GOING TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE SUBJECT REQUEST PENDING WRITTEN CLARIFICATION (HE SUGGESTED OFFICIAL LETTER FROM APPROPRIATE EMBOFF) ON U.S. INTERPRETATION OF BI-LATERAL AGREEMENT. POINT KO STRESSED WAS THAT FT SCHEDULE REQUEST WAS "NOT IN CONFORMITY WITH ROUTE STRUCTURE COVERED IN BI-LATERAL" AS IT PROVIDED FOR FLTS TO ORIGINATE OUTSIDE THE U.S. WHICH KO SAYS FT CANNOT DO. EMBOFF MADE NO COMMENT ON REQUEST BUT PROMISED WRITTEN REPLY SOON.

5. EMBOFF DISCUSSED KO'S REQUEST WITH LOCAL FT WHO FELT

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WE SHOULD NOT LET KO BOG US DOWN IN "SEMANTICS" BETWEEN

FT AIRCRAFT WHICH OF COURSE ORIGINATE AND TERMINATE IN
U.S. AND DIFFERENT FLT DESIGNATIONS WHICH MIGHT BE GIVEN
AIRCRAFT IN THEIR ROUTINGS.

6. FLTS IN QUESTION ARE FT 042 WHICH WOULD ORIGINATE IN
TAIPEI THEN FLY SEOUL AND TOKYO TO U.S. TWICE A WEEK AND
FT 943 WHICH WOULD ORIGINATE BANGKOK TERMINATE SEOUL
ONCE A WEEK.

7. FT REP SUGGESTS EMBASSY USE "SLEDGEHAMMER" APPROACH TO
KO WHOSE BUREAUCRATIC NIGGLING IN THE PAST HAS OBVIOUSLY
LEFT ITS MARK ON FT.

8. EMBASSY FEELS IT IS VERY PROBABLE KO JUST TRYING TO GET
SOME IDEA OF USG INVOLVEMENT IN AND COMMITMENT TO FT
REQUEST. FT REP PREPARED TO GO "ALL OUT" ON REQUEST.
EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE SOONEST DEPARTMENT COMMENTS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPROPRIATE COURSE OF ACTION.
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